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SUBJECT: CBS STAFFER ROUGHED UP AT CDS CONGRESS

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1. WHILE FILMING NATIONAL CONGRESS OF CENTER SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (CDS) JANUARY 26, CBS NEWS PRODUCTION MANAGER LESZEK PAWLOWICZ WAS ROUGHED UP AND ACCUSED OF BEING CIA AGENT BY LEFTIST DEMONSTRATORS WHO WERE ANGRY ABOUT AN ARTICLE WHICH APPEARED JANUARY 26 IN OPORTO'S JORNAL DE NOTICIAS REPORTING THAT CBS HAD CANCELED PLANS TO FILM DOCUMENTARY ON PORTUGAL.

2. DEMONSTRATORS CLAIMED THIS PROVED JOURNALISTS NOT REALLY INTERESTED IN PORTUGAL AND LED TO CONCLUSION THEY ARE CIA AGENTS. THEY TOLD PAWLOWICZ THAT THEY WOULD SHOW HIM WHAT HE SHOULD FILM AND DEMANDED HE DESTROY FOOTAGE ALREADY TAKEN. PAWLOWICZ TORE UNEXPOSED FILM IN HALF, GAVE IT TO DEMONSTRATORS, AND PUT EXPOSED FILM IN HIS POCKET.

3. PAWLOWICZ SPEAKS POLISH AND CONVINCED DEMONSTRATORS HE WAS
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A POLE. THEY LET HIM GO UNHARMED.

4. COMMENT: PAWLOWICZ AND CBS REPORTS PRODUCER GENE DEPORIS HAVE BEEN IN PORTUGAL FOR SEVERAL WEEKS GATHERING BACKGROUND FOR A CBS REPORTS DOCUMENTARY ON PORTUGAL. DAN RATHER WAS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN FEBRUARY, BUT SHAKEUP IN CBS MANAGEMENT RESULTED IN CANCELLATION OF PROJECT. DEPORIS DEPARTED FOR NEW YORK LEAVING PAWLOWICZ BEHIND TO COVER CDS CONGRESS.
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